

October 14, 1999

Our Reference: WA-TX#0221.90.03

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am responding to your recent correspondence by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0221.90.03 for individuals with related conditions under the Community Living and Self Support (CLASS) program. This HCBSW program expired on September 1, 1999. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending submission of the waiver renewal to our office.

Because a decision regarding renewal of this waiver could not be finalized before the current program expired on September 1, 1999, I am granting the State of Texas a 90-day temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0221.90.03. This program is approved under authority of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from September 2, 1999 through November 30, 1999 at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reeder at 214-767-4419.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations